

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:	) Group Art Unit: 3682
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Title: POWER-ASSISTED STEERING HAVING	)
A GEAR MECHANISM	)
	)
Serial No.: 10/714,410	)
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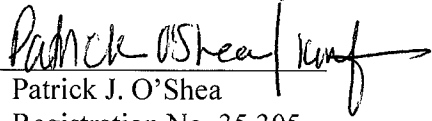
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